

Heart THROBS

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"It seemed like the end of the world when I went to my sweetheart's wedding and saw him marry another..." See-

MISERY LOVES COMPANY

DON'T
TAKE IT SO HARD,
MISS, I'M IN THE
SAME BOAT... I
WAS JILTED BY
THE BRIDE!

SOB!
OH! YOU
WERE ? SOB!



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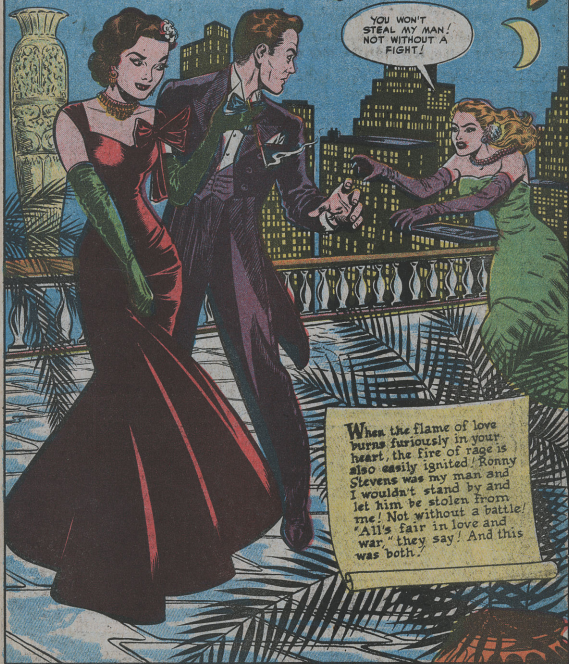
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Ronny and I grew up together in a little rural city! Our plans were to stay there... together!

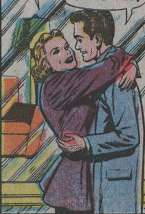
GEE, LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL FURNITURE IN THE WINDOW!

THAT'S THE KIND WE'LL HAVE IN OUR HOUSE, KAYE, IF YOU WANT IT!



DARLING, DO YOU MEAN IT?

SURE DO! I SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SAVED FOR US TO GET MARRIED IN THE FALL!



THAT'S WONDERFUL! WE CAN START LOOKING FOR A HOUSE AND...

RIGHT NOW, WE'D BETTER START DOWN THE STREET! OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE LATE AT THE HOTEL!



We were dancers! Dancing to us was as natural and easy as growing up! As a result of exhibitions and acts we'd put on at lodges and the like, the local hotel had hired us as entertainers!

HURRY AND GET DRESSED, HONEY! WE ONLY HAVE TWENTY MINUTES!

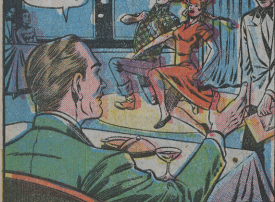


NOW WE PRESENT THOSE TWO LIGHT STEPPERS OF COUNTRY CAPERS, NONE OTHER THAN RONNY AND KAYE!



HMM! THOSE KIDS ARE GOOD! WAITER!

YES SIR!



GIVE RONNY AND KAYE MY CARD WHEN THEY'RE FINISHED! TELL THEM I'D LIKE TO MEET THEM IN THE LOBBY AFTER THEY'RE DRESSED!

I WILL, SIR! THANK YOU!



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KAYE, ARE YOU IN CLOTHES? CAN I COME IN?

SURE! COME AHEAD!



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS? THE GUY WANTS TO SEE US!

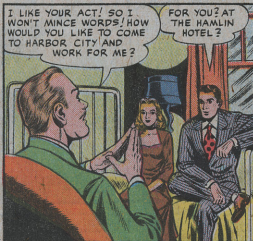
"DONALD R. PRESCOTT, MANAGER OF THE HAMLIN HOTEL, HARBOR CITY!" I DON'T GET IT! LET'S FIND OUT!



ARE YOU MR. PRESCOTT? I'M RONNY STEVENS AND THIS IS KAYE WARREN!

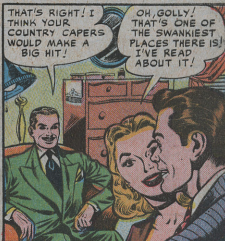
GLAD TO MEET YOU BOTH! COME UP TO MY ROOM AND MAYBE WE CAN TALK BUSINESS!

Mr. Prescott was pleasant and nice and sort of fatherly in his attitude! We were both puzzled about why he wanted to talk to us! And we were in for an unbelievable surprise!



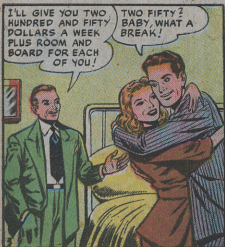
I LIKE YOUR ACT! SO I WON'T MINCE WORDS! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO HARBOR CITY AND WORK FOR ME?

FOR YOU? AT THE HAMLIN HOTEL?



THAT'S RIGHT! I THINK YOUR COUNTRY CAPERS WOULD MAKE A BIG HIT!

OH, GOLLY! THAT'S ONE OF THE SWANKIEST PLACES THERE IS! I'VE READ ABOUT IT!



I'LL GIVE YOU TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS A WEEK PLUS ROOM AND BOARD FOR EACH OF YOU!

TWO FIFTY? BABY, WHAT A BREAK!

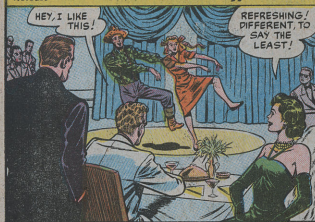
Our joy was boundless! A few days later we were on the train headed for Harbor City! Before us was the thrill of the great metropolis and the bright lights and, we hoped, success!



I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT! TO THINK HE'D PICK US!

THE BEST THING IS THAT WE'LL BE TOGETHER! WE CAN STILL BE MARRIED IN THE FALL!

Country Capers went over big in the Pine Room which was the Hamlin Hotel's supper club!



A few weeks later...

I WASN'T WRONG! I KNEW YOU'D WOW 'EM! HOW ARE YOU KIDS AT FANCY DANCING, BALLROOM STYLE?

WE CAN DO IT! IN FACT, WE'RE BETTER AT THAT THAN ANYTHING ELSE!



IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?

ALMOST! WE'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A FEW LESSONS AND THEN PUT YOU IN THE PALM ROOF! IF YOU CAN HANDLE BOTH PLACES, WE'LL DOUBLE YOUR SALARY!



The night we opened on the roof, I was scared stiff! I went through the routine, trying to swallow the fear and dread of failure! I relied upon Ronny for my moral support!

HOW ARE WE DOING?

OKAY! KEEP IT UP, BABY!



AHH! VERY GOOD!

YES, AND RONNY'S VERY HANDSOME! I'LL MAKE A POINT OF MEETING HIM!



I'M GLORIA FARNSLEY! I'M GIVING A LITTLE PARTY AT MY PENTHOUSE AFTER THE PALM ROOF CLOSES! WANT TO COME ALONG?

YES, WE'D LIKE TO! THANKS VERY MUCH!



MUST WE? I'M TERRIBLY TIRED!

THE FARNSLEYS ARE TOP CRUST! WE CAN'T TURN HER DOWN! IT MEANS WE'RE "IN"!



Gloria grabbed Ronny the instant we entered her fabulous penthouse apartment!

I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME RIGHT OVER! I WANT YOU TO MEET MY GUESTS!

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? STAND HERE AND TWIDDLE MY THUMBS?

That was just the beginning! The name of Gloria Farnsley became a hated one to me! Ronny and I had our days free but I never saw him! He spent all his time with her! One day...

RONNY, HONEY, ARE YOU GOING OUT?

YES, I'M GOLFING WITH GLORIA AND HER PARTY! YOU COULD COME ALONG BUT YOU DON'T PLAY!

NO, I DON'T PLAY... NOT THE KIND OF GAME SHE DOES! I'M BEGINNING TO WISH WE'D NEVER HEARD OF THE FARNSEYS OR HARBOR CITY, EITHER!

HERE YOU ARE, SWEETHEART! WANT TO MAKE A FEW CHANGES IN YOUR ACT! WHERE'S RONNY?

OUT FOR THE AFTERNOON! TELL ME, DON! I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

My suspicions were verified!

SWEET, WHY ARE YOU GOING OVERBOARD FOR A DOPEY DANCER?

DON'T BE ABSURD, YOU'RE ALL I CARE FOR! BUT HE'S FUN FOR THE MOMENT!

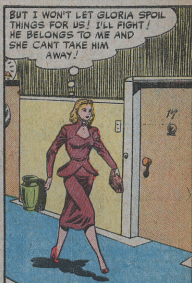
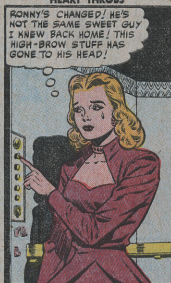
JUST AS I THOUGHT! SHE'S A FICKLE FEMALE WHO LIKES TO ATTRACT ATTENTION! ONLY WHY DID SHE HAVE TO PICK ON MY MAN?

The weight of our job fell on my shoulders! But the weight in my heart was heavier! I danced lightly with a load in my soul! I was losing Ronny and I knew it!

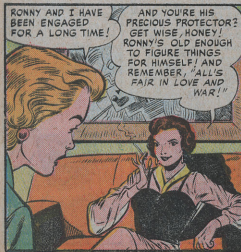
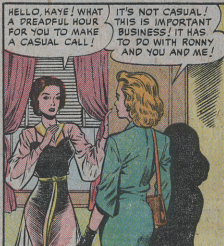
ISN'T HE EXCITING? I'VE INVITED HIM TO OUR YACHT PARTY TOMORROW!

I WON'T LET HER TAKE HIM AWAY FROM ME! HE'S MINE! I LOVE HIM AND TO HER, IT'S A THRILL FOR THE MOMENT!

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I began the battle the next morning... gulped down the my pride and put in an appearance at Gloria's penthouse at eleven! She was just getting out of bed and eyed me with displeasure!



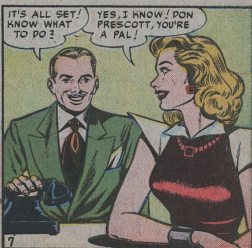
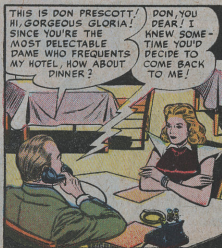
My brain was boiling with the fiery accusations I wanted to throw in her face! I was seething with anger! But I made every effort to control it!



I had never before thoroughly detested a person the way I did her! Don, still the fatherly and faithful person that he was, got the pitch! The next day...



He told me his plan! It was an underhanded trick! I sat there spellbound listening... wondering... was even the glamorous Gloria deserving of such a cruel stunt as he planned?



Don set it perfectly! He arranged dinner for two in the grand suite, Ronny and I were supposed to walk in at the right time!



Don timed his tempestuous love making just right! As we walked in...



NOT AT ALL! GLORIA AND I HAVE BEEN SECRET LOVERS FOR A LONG TIME! HAVEN'T WE, BABY?

WELL, I ---! THAT IS ---



BUT YOU SAID IT WAS JUST US! YOU SAID THERE WAS NOBODY ELSE!

DON'T BE DUMB, COUNTRY BOY! AND DON'T COME CRYING FOR PITY LIKE THE POOR SPORT YOU PROBABLY ARE!



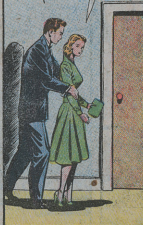
ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS THAT IF RONNY WANTS YOU AFTER THIS, HE CAN HAVE YOU! IT'S UP TO HIM!

KAYE, WAIT!



BABY, I'VE BEEN A FOOL!

I WON'T ARGUE ABOUT THAT!

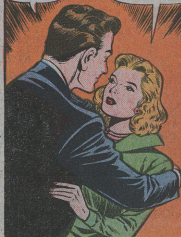


Again I was in Ronny's arms! All the old feeling was there, the thrill of being loved and wanted!



YOU'RE THE GIRL I LOVE! I GUESS I WAS CARRIED AWAY!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT! ONLY I WOULDN'T LET IT HAPPEN!



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I was happy in Ronny's embrace again! But I couldn't help watching what was happening!

OH! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED!

DON'T BE BITTER, BEAUTIFUL! JUST BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET THESE KIDS TOGETHER!



AND I DID, DIDN'T I?

DON, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!



WE DIDN'T USE THE MOST GENTLE TACTICS IN THE WORLD! BUT WE PROVED OUR POINT, DIDN'T WE?

YEAH! YOU DID! I DON'T KNOW HOW I COULD HAVE DONE THIS TO KAYE!

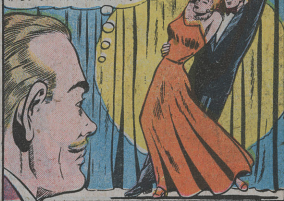


DON'T STOP TO THINK OF IT NOW! YOU HAVE THIRTY MINUTES TO GET READY FOR THE LATE SHOW!

GEE, I NEARLY FORGOT! WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY!

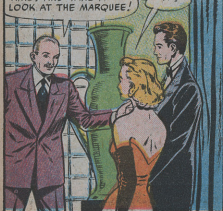


I'M CRAZY ABOUT THOSE TWO! I'D NEVER HAVE FORGIVEN MYSELF IF I'D BROKEN THEM UP!



YOU'RE GREAT! NOW GO OUT TOGETHER AND HAVE A GOOD TIME! AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE MARQUEE!

THE MARQUEE OF THE HOTEL? WHAT ABOUT IT?



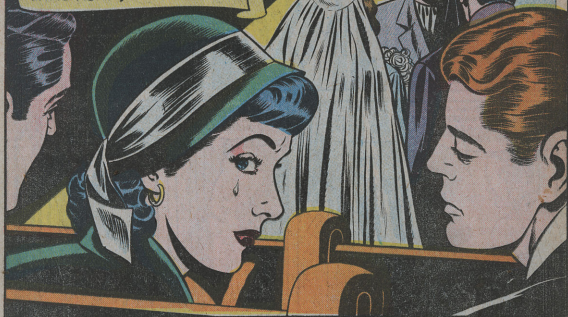
KAYE AND RONNY STEVENS! HOW DID HE KNOW I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU TO MARRY ME RIGHT AWAY?

I DON'T KNOW! EXCEPT THAT MAYBE HE KNEW YOU MEANT MORE TO ME THAN ANY CAREER IN THE WORLD!



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IT SEEMED LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD WHEN I WENT TO MY SWEET-HEART'S WEDDING AND SAW HIM MARRIED TO SOMEONE ELSE! BUT A SYMPATHETIC STRANGER SAT NEXT TO ME AND SHARED MY MISERY AND MADE LIFE WORTH LIVING AGAIN!



I HAD BEEN DATING FRANK OLIVER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WHEN MY BIG BREAK CAME! I COULD HARDLY WAIT TO TELL HIM!

FRANK, GUESS WHAT? THE SINGER WITH CARL CRAMER'S ORCHESTRA IS SICK AND THEY'VE ASKED ME TO FILL HER SPOT FOR A WHILE!

GEE, THAT'S GREAT, GALE!



WILL YOU COME TO THE CARAVAN CLUB TO HEAR ME TONIGHT?

YOU KNOW I WILL!





I WAS JUMPING FOR JOY! TO SING WITH SUCH A BIG NAME BAND WAS ARRIVING AT SUCCESS! AND FRANK'S BEING THERE MADE IT SO MUCH MORE THRILLING!



After THE CLUB CLOSED---



I LOVED FRANK WITH A SORT OF FRANTIC MADNESS! THAT'S WHY I WAS SO UPSET WHEN I CALLED AND ASKED HIM TO TAKE ME TO LUNCH A FEW WEEKS LATER!



ONLY IT MEANT GOING AWAY FROM FRANK! THE MORNING I LEFT, I COULDN'T FIND WORDS! I CLUNG TO HIM AS HE KISSED ME GOODBYE! I'M GLAD I DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT WOULD BE OUR LAST KISS!



YOU'LL WRITE, WON'T YOU?

SURE, SWEETHEART! LET ME KNOW WHERE YOU'LL BE!



Three MONTHS LATER, I WAS COMING HOME BY PLANE---

THIS IS SO MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE DAY I LEFT! I WAS SO SAD THEN! NOW I'M HAPPY! I'LL SOON SEE FRANK AGAIN!



HE CALLED ME LONG DISTANCE AT FIRST, FOR SEVERAL WEEKS! SAID HE WASN'T MUCH GOOD AT LETTER WRITING! THAT'S WHY I HAVEN'T HEARD LATELY!



FASTEN YOUR SAFETY BELT! WE'LL SOON BE COMING IN FOR THE LANDING!

I HOPE FRANK GOT MY WIRE AND WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET ME!



I DON'T SEE HIM BUT HE'S PROBABLY BACK OF THE CROWD!



MARGE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

FRANK CALLED THAT HE GOT YOUR TELEGRAM AND ASKED ME TO MEET YOU! THE HEEL LEFT THE DIRTY WORK TO ME!



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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DIRTY WORK?

I ALWAYS TOLD YOU THAT GUY WAS NO GOOD! HE'S GETTING MARRIED IN A FEW DAYS!

MARGE WAS MY BEST FRIEND AND WE SHARED OUR APARTMENT! SHE GOT ME HOME, THOUGH MY HEAD SEEMED TO BE SPINNING IN SPACE! FINALLY, I BROKE DOWN AND CRIED MY EYES OUT!

MARGE, HOW COULD HE DO THIS TO ME?

IT'S MEAN! BUT GO AHEAD AND CRY AND GET IT OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM!

The NEXT MORNING...

THIS IS THE FINAL BLOW! AN INVITATION TO THE WEDDING! I HAVE TO GO OR OUR FRIENDS WILL THINK I'M BITTER!

WHY SHOULDN'T YOU BE?

I WENT TO THE WEDDING!

HERE'S A SEAT ON THE AISLE! I'LL TAKE IT!

CERTAINLY! THE CEREMONY'S ABOUT TO BEGIN!

DO YOU, FRANK OLIVER, TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED WIFE?

I DO!

DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD! I'M IN THE SAME BOAT! I LOVE THE BRIDE!

YOU DO?

LET'S GO OUT THIS SIDE DOOR AND AVOID EMBARRASSMENT! WE'RE BOTH EQUALLY MISERABLE! MAYBE WE SHOULD SHARE OUR TROUBLES OVER DINNER!

I'D LOVE TO! MISERY LOVES COMPANY!

IF
YOU
EVER
BEEN
IN
LOVE,
YOU
MAY
KNOW
MY
AGONY!
THEN
MAYBE
YOU'LL
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WHY
I
ACCEPTED
BRIAN'S
INVITATION!
HE
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IN
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SORROW!



WELL, HERE'S
TO THE BRIDE
AND GROOM!

NO! HERE'S TO
TWO JILTED
LOVERS!

I PUT A NICKEL IN
THE JUKE BOX!
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO DANCE?

NOT TONIGHT! I...
I JUST DON'T FEEL
LIKE IT!



BRIAN GAVE ME A GOOD TALKING TO
AFTER THAT! HE WAS DETERMINED THAT
WE SHOULD FORGET OUR PAST TO-
GETHER! WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME...



THANKS FOR
SEEING ME
THROUGH!

THE SAME TO YOU!
BUCK UP NOW! CAN
I SEE YOU TOMORROW
NIGHT?

YES, I'D LIKE
THAT! BECAUSE
I WANT TO
HELP YOU,
TOO!

YOU CAN!
I'LL COUNT
ON IT!

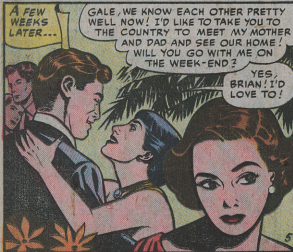


I DON'T KNOW
WHERE YOU
GOT HIM BUT
THERE IS A
MAN!

YES,
HE'S
NICE!



A FEW
WEEKS
LATER...



GALE, WE KNOW EACH OTHER PRETTY
WELL NOW! I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU TO
THE COUNTRY TO MEET MY MOTHER
AND DAD AND SEE OUR HOME!
WILL YOU GO WITH ME ON
THE WEEK-END?

YES,
BRIAN! I'D
LOVE TO!

I'VE BEEN HOPING
THAT MAYBE YOU
COULD LEARN TO
LOVE ME, TOO,
GALE!

MAYBE I
ALREADY
HAVE!



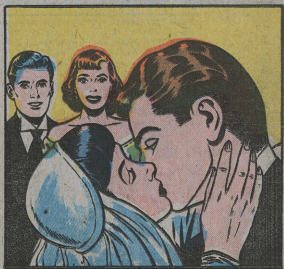
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BRIAN'S MOTHER AND FATHER WERE KIND PEOPLE AND A KINDRED FEELING WAS KINDLED INSIDE ME! THEIR HOME WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY AND AS BRIAN AND I STOOD LOOKING OVER THE LANDSCAPE, I FELT WARM AND HAPPY!

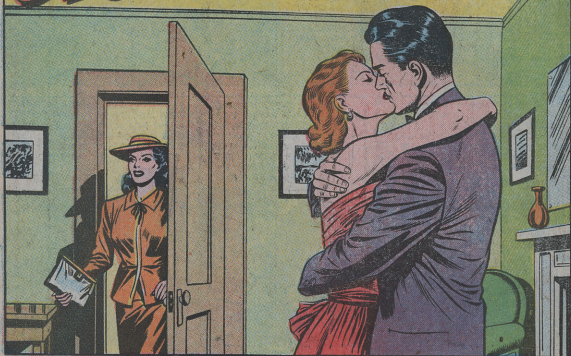


SO BRIAN AND I WERE MARRIED! MARGE WAS DELIGHTED TO BE MY BRIDESMAID BECAUSE SHE LIKED AND APPROVED OF MY FINAL CHOICE! AND I THOUGHT IT BIG OF BRIAN TO ASK OUR FRIEND FRANK TO BE THE BEST MAN! ONLY I GOT THE BEST MAN! AND I KNOW IT!



TO BE IN JEFF BURTON'S ARMS HAD LONG BEEN MY BURNING, SECRET DESIRE, BUT THE ECSTASY THAT CAME WITH FULFILLMENT WAS LOST IN THE PANGS OF REMORSE! I FELT GUILTY AND ASHAMED BECAUSE HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND'S SWEETHEART! HOW COULD I JUSTIFY MY CONSCIENCE TO THOSE...

STOLEN KISSES



Peggy Crowder was my nearest and dearest friend! We had come from the same small town, we shared the same apartment and we worked in the same office in Washington!

DIANA DUNLAP, DON'T BE SO SLOW! IT'S PAST FIVE AND TIME TO GO HOME!

I KNOW, PEGGY! I'LL BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS I PUT THESE LETTERS IN THE FILE!



JEFF'S COMING FOR DINNER! HE'LL PROBABLY WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO US!

ALL SET! WOULDN'T KEEP YOUR BIG MOMENT WAITING FOR THE WORLD!





Peggy was engaged to Jeff! He was at our apartment nine nights out of ten! What she didn't know and I hoped never would find out was that I loved him, too!



Actually, I wasn't interested in the Colonel or anyone else! I measured all men by Jeff's standards and none qualified! But I was too fond of Peggy to be jealous!

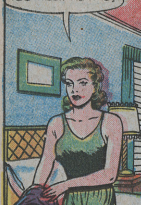


None of us could foresee the prophecy in her statement or the impending crisis which would ultimately lead to chaos! After dinner...



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THREE'S A CROWD ON A DATE! I HAVE TO MAKE EXCUSES SOME OF THE TIME! I GO WITH THEM TOO MUCH AS IT IS!



PEGGY'S THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! I WISH I COULD FIND A FELLOW EXACTLY LIKE JEFF!



Peggy's switch to the new boss, Colonel Stanley, changed our lives considerably! We had been almost inseparable but, after that, she constantly had to work over-time!

I HAVE TO STAY AGAIN TONIGHT, DIANA! TELL JEFF WHEN HE COMES OVER, WILL YOU?



SURE! THINK YOU'LL BE VERY LONG?

NOT VERY LATE! HE CAN WAIT!



I'LL TRY TO KEEP HIM ENTERTAINED TILL YOU GET THERE!



HERE'S SOMETHING TO MUNCH ON WHILE YOU WAIT! EVEN LOVE CAN'T SURVIVE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!



DIANA, YOU'RE A PEACH! IF IT WEREN'T FOR PEGGY, I'D FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR PEGGY AND MY DEVOTION TO HER, I'D ENCOURAGE IT!



A few weeks later, we planned a picnic! That Sunday is significant because it marked the turning point in our relationship! Who could imagine turbulence amid such serenity?

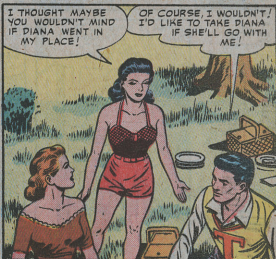
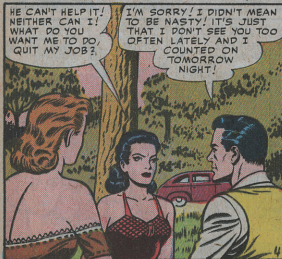
HERE'S THE SPOT! NICE AND PEACEFUL, HUH?



IT'S PERFECT! GOSH, IT'S GOOD TO GET AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE ONCE IN A WHILE!

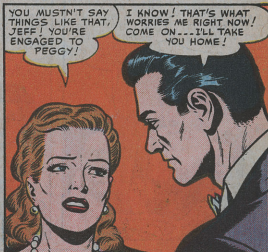


Jeff and I did most of the work! Peggy was noticeably quiet! While we were eating, clouds gathered and the storm broke!





So I became Peggy's stand-in! I went to the party in her place, wore her beautiful gown, and danced in her fiance's arms! But my heart was my own and it hurt!



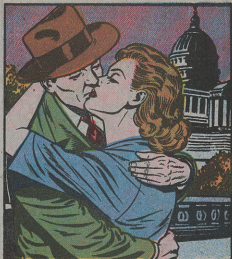
The exact portent of his words puzzled me and I refused to let myself believe what they conveyed! Innocent as I was, I felt like a traitor! But Peggy's night work continued and I kept on seeing Jeff!



HEART THROBS



His lips met mine with a firmness that was nonetheless tender! It was like the realization of a rapturous dream! For a brief moment, I forgot to resist and yielded to my smothered yearning!

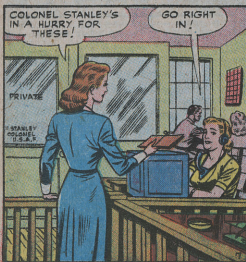


There is a thin margin between pleasure and pain! Being in Jeff's arms was heavenly except for the haunting presence of my guilty conscience! That night Peggy came in late!





I felt sick! Depressing, tangled emotions were tearing me apart! All mixed up were my fondness to for Peggy, my love for Jeff, hatred of deception, and now... jealousy!



I opened the door and stood speechless. Then suddenly the light began to dawn on me and the dawn predicted clearing skies!



Peggy insisted we lunch together that day...

I GUESS YOU KNOW NOW! I SHOULD HAVE CONFIDED IN YOU A LONG TIME AGO! I WANTED TO BUT...

IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF US! GET IT OFF YOUR CHEST!

I HAVEN'T HAD TO WORK ALL THOSE NIGHTS! I DID IT BECAUSE... BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE WITH STAN!

I GUESSED THAT THIS MORNING!

I'VE BEEN MISERABLE! I HAVEN'T HAD THE COURAGE TO TELL JEFF! AND I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T APPROVE SO....!

YOU LOVE THE GUY, HUH? THAT'S THE BEST NEWS EVER!

GOOD NEWS? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE PLAYING THE SAME GAME! THREE PEOPLE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER AND HATE THE DECEPTION!

YOU SEE, JEFF AND I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU! YOU'VE MADE THE WAY CLEAR FOR US!

YOU AND JEFF? I HAD NO IDEA!

We opened our hearts to each other once again and told our stories in detail, the way we had done when we were kids on our first dates! and somehow our friendship was firmer than ever!

I'LL CALL JEFF AND ASK HIM TO DINNER! WE'LL GET EVERYTHING BACK ON AN EVEN KEEL! WANT TO ASK STAN, TOO?

NOT TONIGHT! LATER!

That evening...
A TOAST TO MY DEAREST FRIENDS! THERE'LL ALWAYS BE THE THREE OF US!

AND MORE! FROM NOW ON, A FOUR-SOME! AFTER THIS, PEGGY DEAR, WE MUSTN'T EXCLUDE THE COLONEL!

HEART THROBS

Advice on Love Problems

by Marilyn Minton

Dear Miss Minton:

This is the first time I have asked advice of anyone, but you recently helped a friend of mine and I am hoping you can help me, too. I am in love with a boy who wants to marry me, but I don't get along with his family. He will have to help support his mother after we are married and I am very much against this, since she is well able to get work. Can you tell me how to handle this situation?

Sincerely,
M. K.
Racine, Wisc.

Dear M. K.:

You would be wise not to consider marriage until you come to an understanding about the boy's family. Statistics prove that disagreement on this subject is a basic cause for unhappiness in marriage. Talk it over, until you reach an amicable agreement. That's the only way to go safely ahead with your plans.

Marilyn Minton

♡ ♡ ♡

Dear Miss Minton:

My boyfriend has just told me that my best friend asked him to take her out. She knows that we are going steady and I think it was a very underhanded thing to do. Other people have told me she felt this way about him, so I asked him and he reluctantly told me and then asked me to forget about it. But I want to tell her off. What do you think?

Sincerely
B. V.
Sheridan, Wyo.

Dear B. V.:

Your boyfriend is right. Don't say anything to your friend. Since she was rebuffed, she knows she hasn't a chance with your date, and if she would go that far, she probably has a good hunch that you would hear of it eventually. I would not advise you to take this girl into your confidence in the future. It is obvious that your friendship doesn't mean much to her.

Marilyn Minton

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Dear Marilyn Minton:

My folks keep insisting that I go out with the son of a business friend of my dad's. He is a nice fellow

but I don't really enjoy his company. How can I convince my parents that they can't choose my friends?

Geneva P.
Staunton, Va.

Dear Geneva:

Perhaps your parents are only interested in you having the right kind of friends. Why not include this boy in plans you make with your friends, even arrange a date for him with one of the other girls. Entertain them at home, so your parents can get to know every-one and be assured that you choose your companions wisely.

Marilyn Minton

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Dear Miss Minton:

There's a certain boy in my class at school whom I like. I have asked him to three different parties and each time he has given me some excuse for not going. Now a club dance is coming up and I would like to invite him. How can I get him to go?

Yours truly
Doris M.
San Pedro, Calif.

Dear Doris:

My suggestion is that you invite another boy to be your escort. The boy you mention, obviously isn't interested in you right now. Perhaps when he learns that you see other boys, he will change his mind. And maybe when you date other boys, you will change your viewpoint, too.

Marilyn Minton

IF YOU ARE TROUBLED BY A LOVE PROBLEM, WRITE TO MARILYN MINTON, NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COUNSELOR, 347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

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No Chance For Marriage



HARRY BARTON HAD BEEN COMING INTO THE DRUMMOND MANUFACTURING COMPANY OFFICE WHERE I WORKED FOR NEARLY A YEAR! HE NEVER FAILED TO ASK ME FOR A DATE, BUT I ALWAYS HAD THE SAME SHORT ANSWER!

NO, MR. BARTON!

THIS IS GETTING MONOTONOUS! BEAUTIFUL, ARE YOU SPORTING ENOUGH TO MAKE A BET WITH ME?



IF MR. DRUMMOND GIVES ME AN ORDER TODAY, YOU GO OUT WITH ME TONIGHT! IF HE TURNS ME DOWN, WELL, I WON'T ASK YOU AGAIN! IS IT A BET?

WHY NOT? I CAN'T LOSE! MR. D. IS IN A PARTICULARLY GRUMPY MOOD THIS MORNING! I'LL TELL HIM YOU'RE HERE!



HEART THROBS

OH, NOW I LONGED TO GO OUT WITH HIM! BUT JANET HAD ALWAYS HAD FIRST CLAIM ON MY TIME... UNTIL A FEW MINUTES LATER, WHEN HARRY CAME TRIUMPHANTLY FROM MR. DRUMMOND'S OFFICE!

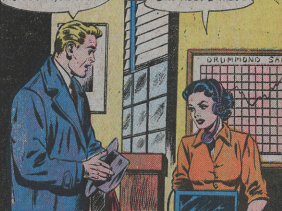
WELL, HERE'S THE ORDER, ANGEL! NOW WHERE DO CALL FOR YOU TONIGHT?

YOU DID GET IT? I-I'M REALLY SORRY, MR. BARTON... I MEAN I DIDN'T THINK I'D LOSE!



I WON'T HOLD YOU TO THE BET, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, MARIE!

PLEASE, IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF HOW I FEEL! I HAVE A SISTER TO LOOK AFTER... SHE NEEDS ME!



NEEDS YOU? WHY? CAN'T YOU GET A BABY SITTER? WHAT'S THE ADDRESS, MARIE? I'LL EXPECT YOU TO BE READY WHEN I GET THERE... AT EIGHT THIRTY!

I'VE NEVER LEFT HER ALONE IN THE EVENING, BEFORE... PERHAPS IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



I WENT THROUGH A TORMENT OF CONSTANTLY CHANGING EMOTIONS THAT DAY! I FELT GUILTY AT THE THOUGHT OF DEPRIVING JANET OF MY TIME! MY HEART BEAT WILDLY IN ANTICIPATION OF BEING WITH HARRY BARTON! THEN, AT LAST, EVENING CAME...

JANET, I'M GOING OUT TONIGHT! I HAVE A DATE!

HI, SIS! GOLLY, I'M FAMISHED! I... YOU WHAT?



WOULD YOU MIND VERY MUCH STAYING HERE ALONE FOR A WHILE? I WON'T STAY OUT LATE, I PROMISE!

I DON'T LIKE BEING LEFT ALONE BECAUSE I'LL BE BORED! BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY SAY ANYWAY! YOU'VE ALREADY ACCEPTED!



HE'S GOOD-LOOKING, JANET! HARRY'S BEEN COMING INTO THE OFFICE FOR ABOUT A YEAR... HE'S A SALESMAN!

SALESMAN? THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MUCH! I GUESS IF YOU MARRY HIM WE WON'T BE ANY BETTER OFF THAN WE ARE RIGHT NOW!



YOU'RE GETTING WAY AHEAD OF ME! I'M IN NO HURRY TO MARRY ANYONE, DEAR!

MARRIAGE... WHAT CHANCE HAVE I TILL SHE FINDS A JOB AND CAN TAKE CARE OF HERSELF? I COULDN'T EXPECT ANYONE ELSE TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY SISTER!



HEART THROBS

The
WONDER OF
THAT EVENING,
THE SOFT
MUSIC, DAN-
CING, HAVING
HARRY'S
ARMS ABOUT
ME! IT WAS
AN ENRAP-
TURED WORLD
OF GAIETY,
OF GLORIOUS
SIGHTS AND
SOUNDS,
AND I
WAS VERY
MUCH OF
A STRANGER
IN
PARADISE!

I ALMOST BELIEVE WHAT
YOU SAID ABOUT NEVER
GOING OUT BECAUSE OF
YOUR SISTER! BUT NOBODY
LEARNS TO DANCE THAT
WITHOUT PLENTY OF
PRACTICE!

THEN I MUST
HAVE A GOOD
MEMORY! I
REALLY HAVEN'T
BEEN ON A
DANCE FLOOR
IN YEARS!



I WAS SURPRISED TO
SEE YOUR SISTER A
GROWN WOMAN! I
SUPPOSE SHE WILL BE
FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL
SOON! THEN SHE'LL BE
PROBABLY RUN OFF AND
MARRY... AND YOU'LL
BE LEFT ALONE WITH
NOTHING BUT MEMORIES
OF A WASTED LIFE!

DON'T EVEN SAY THAT
JOKINGLY, HARRY! I'LL
NEVER REGRET WHAT
I'VE DONE FOR MY
SISTER! ANYHOW,
YOU'RE WRONG...
JANET QUIT SCHOOL
A YEAR AGO TO
LOOK FOR A JOB!
SHE'S JUST HAD
BAD LUCK GETTING
ANYTHING!



IT DOESN'T
SOUND AS
THOUGH SHE
HAS TRIED VERY
HARD! THERE
ARE JOBS
FOR ANYONE
WILLING TO
WORK!

SHE HAS TRIED,
BELIEVE ME! EVERYWHERE
SHE APPLIES THEY TELL
HER SHE HASN'T ENOUGH
EXPERIENCE! IT ISN'T
FAIR... JANET ISN'T
BEING GIVEN A
CHANCE TO LEARN!



I'M SORRY! I
DIDN'T MEAN TO
UPSET YOU!
LET'S JUST THINK
ABOUT US TONIGHT,
AND ABOUT HAVING
A GOOD TIME!

OH, I AM
ENJOYING
EVERY
MINUTE
OF IT,
HARRY!



I WAS HAPPIER THAN I'D EVER
BEEN IN MY LIFE! STILL,
SOMETHING HAD DISTURBED
ME... HARRY'S REMARK
ABOUT JANET NOT TRYING
TO FIND WORK! AND THE NEXT
MORNING...

HMM? SURE! I'LL
TAKE
WHATEVER
THEY OFFER ME!
DID YOU
HAVE A NICE
TIME LAST
NIGHT?



JANET!
PAY
ATTENTION
TO ME! I
SAID...

I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID! YOU KNOW
HOW I'VE LOOKED FOR WORK! I
TOLD YOU I'VE WALKED FOR MY FEET
OFF... I JUST CAN'T GET ANY-
THING... UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO
SCRUB FLOORS!



I WAS ANGRY WITH MYSELF FOR HAVING EVEN THE
SLIGHTEST DOUBT CONCERNING JANET'S EFFORTS,
AND TOLD HER AS MUCH BEFORE I LEFT FOR WORK!

I'M SORRY, DEAR! YOU'VE
DONE YOUR BEST!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET A
BREAK ONE OF THESE
DAYS! UH... CAN YOU
SPARE A COUPLE OF
DOLLARS, SIS? I NEED
BUS FARE AND LUNCH
MONEY!



HEART THROBS

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, HARRY MOVED MORE AND MORE INTO MY LIFE!

WHAT A HEAVENLY SPOT! THE LIGHTS OF THE TOWN LOOK LIKE TWINKLING STARS, AS THOUGH THIS WERE ALL THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING ELSE SKY! I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE, HARRY!

I'LL BET YOU'VE NEVER BEEN KISSED BEFORE EITHER!



HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND ME! OUR LIPS MET AS HE DREW ME CLOSE TO HIM... MY TEMPLES THROBBED... AND IT WAS HEAVENLY! I WANTED HIM TO HOLD ME FOREVER!

I'VE LOVED YOU FOR A LONG TIME, DARLING! I NEED YOU... I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME SOON!



ALL AT ONCE THE PHANTOM OF REALITY CAME BETWEEN US! I DREW AWAY FROM HIM!

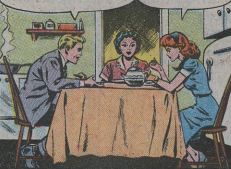
JANET
NO, HARRY... IT'S NO GOOD! I CAN'T THINK OF MARRIAGE!
AGAIN! LISTEN, MARIE... MY BOSS OFFERED ME A BIG CHANCE, A TRANSFER TO THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AS SALES MANAGER! I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME, AS MY WIFE!



There WAS A DEEP SINKING FEELING INSIDE ME! I COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF LOSING HARRY, NOR COULD I DESERT MY SISTER! HARRY HAD A SOLUTION WHEN HE CAME TO DINNER THE FOLLOWING EVENING! AS HE SPOKE TO MY SISTER...

I'VE TALKED TO THE HEAD OF PERSONNEL AT MY PLACE, JANET! THERE'S A FILING CLERK VACANCY, AND THEY'LL PAY YOU THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS A WEEK WHILE YOU LEARN!

FILING? THAT SOUNDS DULL! BESIDES, WHO CAN LIVE OFF THAT KIND OF MONEY THESE DAYS?



JANET, THIS MEANS SO MUCH TO ME! PLEASE, WON'T YOU TRY IT? HARRY ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO, NOT IF YOU TURN DOWN HIS OFFER!

SO THAT'S IT! MY SWEET, GENEROUS SISTER, READY TO SACRIFICE ME SO YOU CAN GRAB THE FIRST MAN THAT COMES ALONG! WELL, I DON'T NEED YOU... NOT IF THAT'S ALL I MEAN TO YOU!



YOU KNOW IT ISN'T TRUE: I LOVE YOU, JANET. I'D GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU!

YOU'VE ALREADY GIVEN TOO MUCH OF YOUR LIFE FOR HER! MARIE, CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT A CHUMP SHE'S MAKING OF YOU? HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE JANET HAS TRIED TO FIND WORK?



OF COURSE SHE'S TRIED, HARRY! SHE HAS A RIGHT TO WANT SOMETHING BETTER... A JOB THAT HAS A FUTURE... SECURITY!

THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN FUTURE FOR A CHANGE! THAT TRAIN FOR SAN FRANCISCO LEAVES TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND I'M GOING TO BE ON IT! I HAVE TWO COACH TICKETS, MARIE... ONE OF THEM IS FOR YOU! YOU'VE LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO DECIDE!



HEART THROBS

What choice was there for me but to stay with my sister? That was the heart-breaking decision I made! And as the time for Harry's departure grew near the following afternoon!



I'M SORRY, MR. DRUMMOND, BUT I FEEL TO ILL TO GO ON TODAY!

YOU RUN RIGHT ALONG HOME, MISS LORIMER, AND I'LL HAVE SOME ONE TAKE OVER FOR YOU! JUST TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

BUT WHEN I REACHED HOME I SAW AND HEARD THINGS THAT MADE ME FEEL VIOLENTLY ILL...

HIYA, CHICKEN! HOPE YA DUG UP SOME DOUGH FOR GAS...THIS JALOPY IS ABOUT DRY!

DON'T I ALWAYS HAVE MONEY FOR GAS, HANDSOME? WHY, MY BIG SISTER IS A WALKING BANK...AS LONG AS SHE THINKS I'M OUT LOOKING FOR A JOB!



GET OUT OF THAT CAR, JANET! GET OUT AND GO UPSTAIRS!

M-MARIE, LISTEN...I-I WAS DOWNTOWN ALL MORNING...THE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY GAVE ME A COUPLE OF ADDRESSES!



MY THROAT WAS TOO CHOKED UP FOR ME TO SPEAK UNTIL WE REACHED OUR APARTMENT! I WAS BITTER, FURIOUS!

WHY LIE ANY MORE, JANET... I'D NEVER BELIEVE YOU AGAIN! I'VE GIVEN EVERYTHING, FIRST...AND I WILL AGAIN, I DONE IS LIE AND CHEAT!

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE THAT I'M SORRY, MARIE! I'VE LIED...I DID LOOK FOR WORK AT FIRST...AND I WILL AGAIN, I SWEAR! I'LL TAKE THAT JOB HARRY TALKED ABOUT!

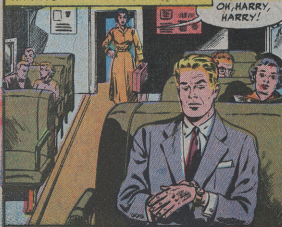


HERE, JANET, THIS IS ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU GOING FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS! THE RENT HERE IS PAID FOR FOR A MONTH MORE, AND...WELL, I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU ANY MORE! YOU'RE CLEVER ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

YOU'RE GOING TO HIM...? SOBS!... DON'T STAY MAD AT ME, MARIE! WRITE... PLEASE WRITE! I'LL GET A JOB!

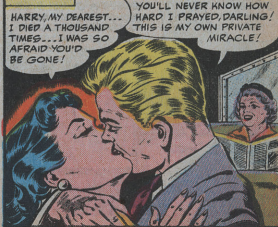


I TOOK A CAB TO THE TERMINAL! I MADE THE TRAIN WITH JUST TWO MINUTES TO SPARE!



OH, HARRY, HARRY!

Then I WAS IN HIS ARMS, AND THIS TIME IT WAS FOREVER!



HARRY, MY DEAREST... I DIED A THOUSAND TIMES...I WAS SO AFRAID YOU'D BE GONE!

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW HARD I PRAYED, DARLING! THIS IS MY OWN PRIVATE MIRACLE!

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